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INFO AMCONSUL GUAYAQUIL

C O N F I D E N T I A L QUITO 3558

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: SHUM, ELAB, EC

SUBJECT: ARREST OF LABOR LEADER JULIO CHANG

1. POLICE ARRESTED GUAYAQUIL LABOR LEADER JULIO CHANG THE AFTERNOON OF MAY 25. CHANG IS PRESIDENT OF FETLIG, THE GUAYAQUIL AFFILIATE OF THE ORIT-AFFILIATED ECUADOR-EAN CONFEDERATION OF FREE LABOR ORGANIZATIONS (CEOSL).

2. THE PRESS MERELY SAYS THAT CHANG WAS ARRESTED ON THE ORDERS OF MINISTER OF LABOR JORGE SALVADOR. LOCAL LABOR LEADERS CLAIM THAT HE WAS ARRESTED ON ARBITRARY GROUNDS. CEOSL SPOKESMEN CLAIM THAT THE ARREST DERIVES FROM A LOABOR DISPUTE IN A GUAYAQUIL TEXTILE FACORY IN WHICH THE MINISTER HAS CONSPIRED WITH MANAGEMENT TO CHANGE LEGAL RECOGNITION FROM CHANG'S FETLIG TO A COMPANY UNION. CHANG REPORTEDLY REFUSED TO ACCEPT THAT MANEUVER AND WENT TO THE GUAYAQUIL OFFICE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOR TO PROTEST THE DAY OF HIS ARREST. WE HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO CONTACT THE MINISTRY BUT CEOSL LEADERS HERE SAY THAT MINISTER SALVADOR HAS ACCUSED CHANG OF ASSAULT AGAINST THE GUAYAQUIL LABOR INSPECTOR AND OF INSULTING THE MINISTER.

3. NO CHARGES AGAINST CHANG HAVE YET BEEN PUBLISHED.

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HE IS BEING HELD IN GUAYAQUIL'S CARCEL MODELO WHERE HE WAS JAILED SEVERAL MONTHS FOLLOWING THE OCTOBER 18, 1977 AZTRA MASSACRE. AT THAT TIME HE WAS JAILED FOLLWING HIS SIGNING OF A DOCUMENT ACCUSING MINISTER SALVADOR OF RESPONSIBILITY IN THE DEATHS OF THE AZTRA WORKERS. IN A CONVERSATION WITH LAB/POLOFF TWO WEEKS AGO, SALVADOR MADE EVIDENT HIS PERSONAL ANNOYANCE AT CHANG FOR HIS

ROLE IN THIS CURRENT TEXTILE PLANT TROUBLE.
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